

## Andrew Jackson to John Randolph, June 3, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN RANDOLPH.

Washington, June 3, 1830.

*D'r sir*, I have appointed Mr. Clay Secretary of the Legation of the u. states in Rusia<sup>1</sup> and will be happy to contribute whatever else may be in my power to give facilities to your mission. I regret however to inform

<sup>1</sup> John Randolph Clay, of Pennsylvania, in the diplomatic service from 1830 to 1860, chargé and minister to Peru 1847–1860.

you, that in the hurry and confusion of the closing scenes of Congress the Bill making appropriations for your and other outfits remained unacted upon. as the necessity for this expenditure accrued during the Session of Congress, and was distinctly brought to their notice by a letter from the Secretary of State, I do not feel that I would be justified in considering it as contingent expense which ought to be properly paid out of the fund set apart for such purposes. I am however very anxious that you should arrive at your post sufficiently early to enable you to carry into effect the object of your mission in season for my annual message to Congress; in the practicability of which, I have strong confidence. I should therefore regard it as a public misfortune if the omission of Congress to act upon the subject of outfit were allowed to delay your departure. That the appropriation will be made at the commencement of the next Congress there can be no doubt; indeed, if it will be any accommodation to you, I will cheerfully accept a draft drawn upon me, individually, through one of the virginia Banks, payable about the 1rst of January next, and trust to the

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appropriation being made for this object, before that time. Please to let me hear from you upon this subject. . . .